CLAIMS

1.   A method for hardware acceleration in a hybrid wired/wireless local area network, the method comprising:

creating at least one policy to be distributed among at least one of a plurality of access point groups;

associating said at least one policy with a particular one of said access point groups; and

distributing said associated at least one policy to at least one access point in said plurality of access point groups.

2.   The method according to claim 1, further comprising identifying said associated policy to be distributed to said particular one of said access point groups.

3.   The method according to claim 2, further comprising conditioning said selection of said identified policy upon occurrence of an event.

4.   The method according to claim 3, wherein said distributing further comprises distributing said identified policy to said particular one of said access point groups upon said occurrence of said event.

5.   The method according to claim 4, further comprising associating said at least one policy with a particular access point in said particular one of said access point groups.

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6. The method according to claim 5, wherein said distributing further comprises distributing said identified policy to said particular access point in said particular one of said access point groups.

7. The method according to claim 1, further comprising communicating said at least one policy from at least one of a switch and a server to at least one access point in said plurality of access point groups.

8. The method according to claim 7, further comprising broadcasting said at least one policy from said at least one of a switch and a server to said at least a portion of said plurality of access point groups.

9. The method according to claim 8, further comprising distributing said at least one policy via at least one messaging protocol message.

10. A machine-readable storage, having stored thereon a computer program having at least one code section for hardware acceleration in a hybrid wired/wireless local area network, the at least one code section executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps comprising:

creating said at least one policy to be distributed among at least one of a plurality of access point groups;

associating at least one policy with a particular one of said access point groups; and

distributing said associated at least one policy to at least one access point in said plurality of access point groups.

11.   The machine-readable according to claim 10, further comprising code for identifying said associated policy to be distributed to said particular one of said access point groups.

12.   The machine-readable according to claim 11, further comprising code for conditioning said selection of said identified policy upon occurrence of an event.

13.   The machine-readable according to claim 12, wherein said distributing code further comprises code for distributing said identified policy to said particular one of said access point groups upon said occurrence of said event.

14.   The machine-readable according to claim 13, further comprising associating said at least one policy with a particular access point in said particular one of said access point groups.

15.   The machine-readable according to claim 14, wherein said distributing code further comprises code for distributing said identified policy to said particular access point in said particular one of said access point groups.

16.   The machine-readable according to claim 10, further comprising code for communicating said at least one policy from at least one of a switch and a server to said one or more access point in said plurality of access point groups.

17.   The machine-readable according to claim 16, further comprising code for broadcasting said at least one policy from said at least one of a switch and a server to at least a portion of said plurality of access point groups.

18.   The machine-readable according to claim 17, further comprising code for distributing said at least one policy via at least one messaging protocol message.

19.   A system for hardware acceleration in a hybrid wired/wireless local area network, the system comprising:

means for creating at least one policy to be distributed among at least one of a plurality of access point groups;

means for associating said at least one policy with a particular one of said access point groups; and

means for distributing said associated at least one policy to at least one access point in said plurality of access point groups.

20.   The system according to claim 19, further comprising means for identifying said associated policy to be distributed to said particular one of said access point groups.

21.   The system according to claim 20, further comprising means for conditioning said selection of said identified policy upon occurrence of an event.

22.   The system according to claim 21, wherein said means for distributing further comprises means for distributing said identified policy to said particular one of said access point groups upon said occurrence of said event.

23.   The system according to claim 22, further comprising means for associating said at least one policy with a particular access point in said particular one of said access point groups.

24.   The system according to claim 23, wherein said means for distributing further comprises means for distributing said identified policy to said particular access point in said particular one of said access point groups.

25.   The system according to claim 19, further comprising means for communicating said at least one policy from at least one of a switch and a server to said at least one access point in said plurality of access point groups.

26.   The system according to claim 25, further comprising means for broadcasting said at least one policy from said at least one of a switch and a server to at least a portion of said plurality of access point groups.

27.   The system according to claim 26, further comprising means for distributing said at least one policy via at least one messaging protocol message.

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